Spring-Board Conference 2021 Agenda
April 29, 2021 – 5:00 to 8:00 PM
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5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Welcoming Remarks	**Josh Stevens –** ISACA President

PUBLIC SECTOR

5:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Round Table Panelists ➢ Facilitated by **Tara Coulter**	**Gary Perkins** - BC Government CISO **Sherry Rumbolt** - Department of National Defense **Rene Pelletier** - Office of the Auditor General of BC
5:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Career Journey Presentation	**John Eliopoulos** – Van. Island Health Authority
6:00 pm - 6:15 pm	**Break**: Students to visit different breakout rooms, make connections and ask questions	

PRIVATE SECTOR

6:15 pm - 6:45 pm	Round Table Panelists ➢ Facilitated by **Tara Coulter**	Representative from some of our valued sponsors: Paloalto, Fortinet, Fireeye and Telus
6:45 pm - 7:00 pm	Career Journey Presentation	**Dominic Vogel** - Founder of Cyber.sc
7:00 pm - 7:20 pm	**Break**: Students to visit different breakout rooms, make connections and ask questions	

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

7:20 pm - 7:50 pm	Round Table Panelists ➢ Facilitated by **Kimberley Dray**	**Lindsay Johnson** – GVSD District Vice Principal **Imen Bourguiba** – UVic MTIS Coop Coordinator **Chandula Kodituwakku** – Recent UVic Graduate **Shruti Ramesh** – Recent UVic Graduate
7:50 pm - 8:00 pm	Closing Remarks	**Josh Stevens –** ISACA President

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Questions for the Panelists (Public & Private Sector):

1. What is the number and type of current security positions available in your organization?
2. What qualifications do they have, or do you look for when hiring for different types of security roles? What technical skills and 'soft skills' makes a candidate successful in this field?
3. In what area do you see the majority of job openings over the next 10 years? E.g. vendor management vs. internal operations.
4. Why should students/young professionals consider your organization to start their careers? What does your organization offer new employees?
5. How can students/new professionals make contact with future employers if they want a job in your organization?

Questions for the Career Journey Presenters:

1. Take us through your journey: how you started and what motivated you to get to where you are today?
2. What advice do you have for young professionals entering the job market now or in the near future?
3. What mix of education/ certification/ experience would prepare the next generation for the future of jobs in information security?

Questions for the Career Advisors / Recent Graduates:

1. What is a good entry pathway (like SOC / Helpdesk / Junior Role / Freelance / Volunteer) in cybersecurity for students without work experience or connection?
2. What would be interesting study streams that would prepare students best for a career in information security in school (grades 9 to 12) and in University?
3. What advice do you have for students who may be considering a career in information security? What are your lessons learned?
4. How can students get more information about the field of information security if their career advisors and counsellors are not aware of this profession?
5. Aside from technical skills, what 'soft skills' or personal attributes does someone in the information security field need to be successful?